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"Three-ring circus" at General Meeting

Elections overturned at Concordia

by Michael Rottmayer

Yesterday's emotionally-charged Annual General Meeting at Concordia threw out February's election results amid accusations of election rigging from one side, and homophobia and racism from the other.

Supporters of progressive candidates Charlene Nero and Phil Toone have been claiming that the movement to force a new election is motivated by anti-feminism, homophobia and racism.

One student, addressing the audi-

ence, said "Given all the harassment (death threats) that has taken place, this debate is about defending the rights of gays, lesbians, and people of colour."

Chief Returning Officer Akram Bhatti told the assembly that he had received racist messages and death threats on his answering machine. "People involved in these elections have been under siege and had to fear for their lives," said Bhatti.

The elections last month had declared Nero and Toone next year's co-presidents of the Concordia University

Students' Association (CUSA), narrowly defeating Philip Dalton and Deborah Lindsay by 31 votes.

But supporters of co-presidential challengers Dalton and Lindsay said Nero and Toone rigged the election.

"I'm glad the results were overturned," said one CUSA Board of Directors member who requested anonymity. "A lot of people wanted the election violations to stay under wraps."

Central to the validity of the elections is the ballot count at the administration building on the Loyola

campus. Dalton and Lindsay claim that Nero and Toone received only 108 votes, while the official tally lists 218. Dalton and Lindsay received 235 at the poll.

The election was overturned after a roll call on the election's validity was taken in the assembly. As a result, a new election must be held within 24 days.

Over 200 people were in the room at the time. During the chaos that ensued over the legality of having a roll call, one student grabbed the mike and yelled, "homophobe!" Another student then ran down, grabbed the mike, and yelled,

"heterophobe!"

After an hour-long roll call vote, the election results were annulled by a 67 margin of the 180 voters present at the assembly.

"I didn't care who won. I didn't even vote (in the election). There were too many irregularities to let them go by," said student Dan Fuller, who attended the meeting.

Hayley Halsall, a member of CUSA's judicial board, wasn't sure how to run the new election so that students would

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Kahnawake school neighbours 'noxious' factory

by Jane Desbarats

Emissions from a lead recycling smelter is causing concern among students and teachers of the neighbouring Kahnawake Survival school.

Despite an in-depth government study of emissions from Nova Lead Inc., which gave the factory a clean bill-of-health, local residents fear the long-term consequences of lead exposure.

"The emissions from Nova Lead present a significant health hazard," said Survival School director Alex McComber. "Lead recycling is a new technology, and currently we do not know the long term effects which lead emissions can have."

Lee McComber, scientific advisor to the Kahnawake Environment Committee, described the emissions from the Nova Lead smelter as "noxious, and a nuisance." She also expressed concern about lead emissions from a nearby autoroute and car crushing plant adjacent to Nova Lead.

Nova Lead president Robert Lavigne defended his company's practices.

"Nova Lead has one of the tightest run emission control programs in the world," he said. "We emit only one fifth of the permissible emission amount determined by Environment Canada."

Lavigne was also unsympathetic to the Mohawk's concerns, and complained of his company's poor media exposure.

"The Mohawks are dead wrong," said Lavigne, "Everybody is always listening to the Mohawks, and no one ever gets to hear our side of the argument. The squeaky wheel always gets the oil, the squeak in this case being the Mohawks."

Students and teachers at the school began to complain of coughing and rashes from the factory's

emissions in 1989. Their complaints eventually lead to an investigation of the emissions of Nova Lead Inc. by the federal and provincial governments.

The tests concluded the amount of lead in the soil was not hazardous and within "acceptable levels." Blood testing of students and teachers at the Survival School revealed normal lead levels.

"The children at the school are not really a high risk group," said Lee McComber. "Since the students are in grades seven and up, they are not likely to ingest lead as a result of eating soil."

But long-term exposure to lead by primary school students can impede brain development and increase the likelihood of learning disabilities.

Lee McComber said there are signs the lead has contaminated not just the area near the school, but also other areas within the Kahnawake region. "More recently traces of lead have been found in nearby water sources," she said.

But Nova Lead's Lavigne said the Mohawks were originally instructed by the government not to build the Survival School on the Mohawk land adjacent to the factory.

Alex McComber asserted the Mohawks right to build a school in the area.

"This is Mohawk land. It is none of their damn business where the Mohawks build anything," he said. "Part of the reason we were told not to build anything here is that this land was originally eyed

by the Québec government for the Archipel Dam construction project."

Before the construction of the school was even proposed, the Mohawk community in Kahnawake felt that their boundaries were disregarded.

"The construction of the school

was part of a protest to the encroachment of our land", said Lee McComber. "If anyone in this area is to move it should be the company, not the school."

Alex McComber also questioned why the Mohawks

were advised not to build their school, when the Québec government had permitted the building of permanent residences adjacent to the factory in Côte Ste. Catherine.

But Lee McComber said Nova Lead is more responsible environ-

mentally than companies previously operating in the area.

She said that Ballast metal, the company which preceded Nova Lead, was notorious for accumulating fines for violating the province's emission standards.

Racism at York U. pits students against administrators

Chanting on desktops

TORONTO (CUP) — Three hundred students stormed and occupied York University's administrative offices last week, demanding that university officials meet to discuss a recent string of racist incidents on campus.

The demonstration was the culmination of two weeks of protest against racism in the university's full-time security force. One week earlier, officers asked three black students to produce their student cards, saying they looked "too young."

"There is constant harassment on this campus," said Ahmed Hashi, a first-year arts student at the protest. "Black students feel under constant attack."

Students complained about the assault of a black woman student by a student pub bouncer, a parking lot attendant who allegedly told a black student that "this is not the jungle," and the harassment of a black student studying quietly at the library.

The incidents prompted students to wear cards around their necks reading "John Doe" and "Jane Doe".

When students discovered the 30-member security force would conduct an internal investigation of the incidents, they organized the office occupation to make sure their voices would be heard.

At the occupation, students demanded a meeting with the university president, other high-ranking administrators and security staff members.

York has the country's most ethnically diverse student populations, according to protest leaders. However, according to campus security director Pam MacDonald, 27 of the 30 members of the security force are white.

MacDonald said she was not convinced that racism played a part in the incidents students were protesting.

But she later acknowledged that "the officers' behaviour was totally unacceptable and, understandably, people are upset."

Four university vice presidents were led single-file into the crowd of students two hours into the occupation. They stood silently as protest leader Jeannine Amber stood on a desk, and read the demands to them through a megaphone.



The demands included:

- an investigation of the security department by an external body;
- a student-run review committee for the hiring of bouncers and handling of complaints;
- a second full-time race relations officer;
- an annual review of security;
- the dismissal of the guilty officers.

Amber remarked that the university has only one race relations officer for its 45,000 students, and despite that York is Canada's most ethnically diverse university, security guards receive only two hours of race relations training.

"If you've got all these people this angry in this office just to make a request, you can imagine what's going to happen if you tell them to fuck off," she said.

The vice presidents agreed to hold a meeting between administrators and students this week.

University vice-president Bill Farr said he sympathized with the students.

"We know perfectly well it's serious," he said. "Their demands didn't seem unreasonable."

But MacDonald defended York Security against criticisms of racism and inaccessibility, although she acknowledged that the ID card incident "didn't look good."

"I don't think it's fair to say the university hasn't been doing anything because I know there are things we've been doing," she said. She added that she has established a security complaints procedure.



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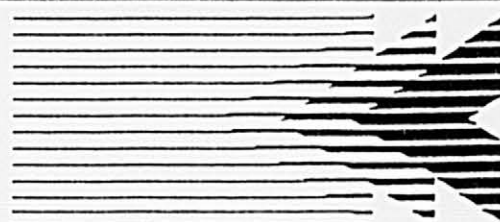
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City's birthday bash out of control: opposition

by Noah Quastel

A new heritage museum in Old Montréal is being criticized as a classic example of overspending on the city's upcoming 350th anniversary celebrations.

The city is opening a historical museum at Point à Callières, in the city's old district, this May. The museum will exhibit the fruits of several years of archeological research in Old Montréal.

"Rather than austerity at a time of imposed sur-taxes and provincial transit cuts, the city is giving people expensive things to look at for the 350th celebrations," said city councillor and Democratic Coalition leader Sam Boskey.

The city is contracting out the museum's first year of operations to SIMPA, a para-municipal corporation that deals with the redevelopment of Old Montréal.

Para-municipal corporations are semi-autonomous companies owned by the city. The corporations' private status provides allows for more financial independence, but removes them from public scrutiny.

Although SIMPA was initially created by the city to oversee real estate development and renovation, the city has been recently enlarging its mandate.

"It's a new trend to have development companies also cover operations (of what they develop)," said Suzie Plourde of SIMPA's project bureau. She said it would be easier for the city to put SIMPA in charge of the museum's operations.

"The city wanted to have more time to consider who would run the museum," said Plourde.

The \$27 million museum will receive \$9 million of direct funding from the city. The city will also cover the museum's operating costs which Boskey estimated at \$2 million per year.

But the museum is merely one installment in a long line of tourist-oriented spending for this summer.

The city is also spending piles of cash on repaving Old Montréal's de la Commune street with granite. City administration spokesperson Daniel Duciel claimed the total cost of paving de la Commune between Berri and the Lachine Canal would cost up to \$21 million.

Boskey said the city is putting the city's needs behind the tourist industry. "The city is cutting back on services in residential areas and giving it to tourists."

The city budget for road upkeep has been reduced by \$9 million this year, and new cultural centres have been put on hold, he said.

But Duciel explained that cutting back on road repair and construction projects will prevent city streets being blocked up over the summer. "Some works are being delayed around downtown, so traffic will circulate better."

"Donates" to Biodome

Boskey also claimed the city's recent purchase of the Paul Sauvé Hockey Arena was a secret subsidy

to the nearby Biodome, which has recently encountered massive cost overruns. The Biodome, which is scheduled to open this summer, will resemble a giant greenhouse in what was once the Olympic velodrome.

Boskey claimed the Olympic Installation Board was prepared to give the arena to the city for free. But the city offered to pay top dollar for the arena, anyways, which

amounts to a hidden donation to the Biodome, he said.

Duciel saw it differently: "We bought back the arena because the city yielded it to us as a part of the area for the Olympics."

City workers are also working overtime to finish 'Square Berri' for the summer's celebrations. The square, located at the corner of Berri and Ste. Catherine, has been criti-

cized for excessive spending and its shortage of greenery.

Other projects include the "beautification" of City Hall and the offices of Mayor Jean Doré, which has totalled close to \$23 million. The face lifts are expected to be finished by spring.

The city has also given \$14 million to "350th Corp", another para-municipal corporation in

charge of the celebrations themselves.

City councillors are not provided information on the corporation's activities, and corporation directors are not required to respond to questions from city council.

"The city has merely given them a blank check," said Boskey.

350th Corp. spokespersons refused to provide the *Daily* with any budget information.

Expansionist dreams opposed by local residents

by David D'Andrea

Local residents living on the edge of the McGill ghetto are afraid their neighborhood may be sacrificed for unnecessary construction at a local clinic.

The Clinical Research Institute of Montreal, located corner of des Pins and St-Urbain, plans to build more floors on its current four-storey building.

But it didn't consult with locals

before drawing up its plans, and nearby residents are angry. The expansion, they say, will destroy the neighbourhood's character, as well as causing inconveniences during construction.

"The don't acknowledge that they live in a real neighbourhood," said Leslie Orr, an area resident who has been spearheading the opposition effort. "Basically, it's a lack of attention that they're part of a community."

The institute admits that relations with residents in the past have been bad, but claims to be making an effort to change things.

"Relations with the citizens have improved. We live next to each other, and we want to be good neighbours," said a spokesperson from the institute.

"Unfortunately it's a bit late for them to try to get cozy with their neighbours," said Orr. She said the institute has ignored suggestions

that it expand into existing buildings in the area, such as the Darcy McGee High School, instead of building extensions.

"They just seem wedded to this idea that they're going to have this nice super-modern building," she said.

The institute has not consulted with residents much in the past, and people aren't convinced that they've come clean. Two years ago, the in-

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Bullshit hype clouds printing presses

by Eric Smiley

As environmental concerns grab the headlines, many newspapers and magazines are looking at how environmentally friendly their own publications are.

Among the changes being made at print shops in Canada are the use of recycled paper, vegetable-based inks and aqueous-based printing plates.

"It is sweeping the industry now," said Dereck Thompson, production coordinator of *Our Times* magazine.

Our Times recycles all its chemicals. The service costs about \$800 a year, which is a very small part of its budget. It has also been using a citrus-based solvent in their print shop for two years.

The solvent called "California Wash" is less toxic than conventional solvents, but just as effective. "It's quite powerful, but it's also flammable," said Thompson.

Our very own Daily is printed on 100 per cent recycled paper with vegetable-based ink. The *Daily's* printer, David Steinhilf of Inter-Hauf Developments, said the paper "is about as environmentally friendly as you can get."

But some of these claims are a trifle misleading.

Vegetable inks are not in fact bio-degradable, according to Dave Daferen, a researcher at Toronto ink manufacturer Hoffmann-Steinberg.

They still can be considered environmentally friendly though, he said. "If you replace mineral oil with a renewable resource like vegetable oil, it is better for the environment."

The mineral oils that were used before are made from petro-chemicals. Initially, the fact that vegetable

oils like soya oil and canola oil were cheaper than mineral oils was a big incentive for the change.

But substituting vegetable-based inks for mineral oil-based inks has other drawbacks. It doesn't make recycling easier. "They contain more oxidants, so they are probably harder to get out," said Daferen.

When the worker-based coop which prints *Our Times* switched from solvent-based offset printing plates to aqueous-based plates, worker health and safety were the main incentives for the change.

"It's quite benign when compared to solvent-based printing plates," said Thompson.

Daferen nevertheless cautioned against jumping on the bandwagon of aqueous printing before getting all the information.

"Some of the solvents used in aqueous printing are more toxic," Daferen said.

"It depends on the type of printing being done."

Recycled paper is the most familiar green consumer product used in newspaper production.

Paper companies sometimes mislead consumers by claiming their product is 100 per cent recycled, when up to 70 per cent of the waste paper actually originates from scraps inside the mill. Paper mills have been recycling their scraps for many years.

Newsprint can be made from 100 per cent recycled paper, said Michael Innes, a researcher at Abitibi-Price in Toronto.

It depends on how the paper will be used, because its quality and strength will be affected. "Certain presses have specific mechanical requirements, that limits the type of paper that can be used," said Innes.

Paper makes up a large percent-



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Working at La Presse

age of solid waste, and this has been a major concern in many municipalities. Innes noted that what was driving Toronto to recycling newspaper was the landfill problem.

Now that pressure has eased on the landfills recycling newsprint is something everyone would like to see continued, but no one is willing to pay for, Innes said.

THE UNFORTUNATE

IF A SINGLE DEPARTMENT AT MCGILL EXEMPLIFIES THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS UNIVERSITY, IT COULD ONLY BE ECONOMICS.

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THE *DAILY* INTERVIEWED ECONOMICS PROFESSOR TOM NAYLOR TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GONE WRONG.

Daily: What's the biggest problem in the Economics department?

Naylor: The biggest single problem is economics.

What do you mean?

Just take a look around. What do you see? The economic decay of city cores, the huge difficulties of economic transition in Eastern Europe, the increasing hyper-exploitation of women's labour in marginal work, the fragility of the global financial system, the virtual end of economic development in Africa and Latin America, and so on.

Then take a look at the program of the annual meeting of the Canadian Economics Association. Full of papers like "Hypothesis Testing Based on Modified Non-parametric Estimation of an Affinity Measure Between Two Distributions". Gee, folks. That'll sure help cut the bread lines down.

Is that typical of what economists are talking about?

Put it this way. There's an enormous pressure, especially on junior people, to get on the program of these meetings and then to publish results in one of the professional journals. While sometimes you see something useful in them, that's increasingly rare. The best way to get on the agenda or into the journals is to do something that poses no threat to prevailing opinion. So most of the problems they deal with are either rinky dinky or totally contrived. Everything in the system works against long-term, well thought out research and in favour of short-run article maximization.

But is that really any different from what went on before?

It's a lot worse now. The bigger the real-life problems, the greater the tendency for the discipline to retreat into a reassuring fantasy-land of abstract theory and technical manipulation. You know, two interesting books published in the U.S. recently have as titles *Econo-*

mists and Charlatans and *Why Aren't Economists As Important As Garbagemen?* Needless to say, those books don't appear on McGill reading lists.

So has McGill also changed for the worse?

McGill's economics department was once one of the most eclectic and interesting on the continent. It paid attention to the four essentials of a good economics program — theory, quantitative methods, history, and institutions and policy. And it was well plugged in to international, Canadian and Québec problems.

Now, the history, institutions and policy are marginalized, and as to being plugged in, the place might as well exist on the far side of the moon. The place is getting further and further out of touch with the concerns of the surrounding community, at a time when all kinds of vital questions are up for debate.

There's a lot of uncertainty about McGill's future in Québec. How do you see trends in McGill's economics department affecting McGill's future?

If memory serves me right, when Claude Ryan first started pushing the idea of trimming back on university expenditures, he complained specifically about there being four university economics departments in Montréal. He was obviously wondering why. Increasingly, so do I. Do the people at McGill really think they can justify forever having the Québec taxpayer carry an extremely expensive department just because the staff get an occasional undecipherable article in the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Political and fiscal pressures are getting worse for the whole university and demonstrable relevance of major departments is critical to holding back those pressures.

When you talk about this loss of relevance, are you referring to the increasing use of math in economics?

No, not at all. Math is important. People badly misunderstand this point. Somebody like Jack Weldon,

who dominated this place intellectually for decades, was an excellent mathematician. The problem isn't math but how it's used, how it stops being a tool and becomes a crutch, or even a substitute for actual economic analysis.

Also, mathematical theory in the wrong hands conveys a sense of scientific certainty that the subject doesn't merit. The world just isn't as simple as modern economists find it politically and professionally convenient to believe.

You also mentioned quantitative methods. Do you think students are forced to study too much statistics?

In fact they don't learn nearly enough about how to collect, assess and use basic facts, including statistical material. Instead, they get fancy data-massaging techniques that are often totally out of sync with either the nature of the problem or the quality of the data pool. Together with the pointless mathematization, it means that academic writing in economics has become about as interesting to read as the telephone book and a lot less informative. That's what they call "real" economics around here.

The accusation of not doing "real" economics, or of being outside the "mainstream", is something that has been levelled at you. Does it bother you?

I study financial history, economic crime and the political economy of arms and oil. They study the behaviour of non-decomposable homothetic utility functions in hypermetropic bifurcated dynamic states of nature. So who's doing "real" economics?

Besides which, there is a big wave of dissent now in the U.S. and in Europe to get away from head-in-the-clouds deductive theory, in favour of inducing what is actually going on from the facts on the ground. Yet McGill is moving in exactly the opposite direction. The "mainstream" here is in distinct danger of becoming a stagnant pond, no matter how many high-priced lillies

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How do you assess the level of student discontent with economics at McGill?

Unprecedented. Back in the 1970s students found the other social sciences too woolly, so they flocked to economics. Now they find contemporary economics an insult to their intelligence, so the flow is in reverse — grad students flee to other institutions; undergrads to other subjects, or to the decreasing number of comprehensible economics courses.

Some courses are bulging with students at the same time that there's a proliferation of arcane applied math courses with minimal or sometimes non-existent enrollments whose main function, as far as I can figure, is to justify the salaries of some of the recent hires.

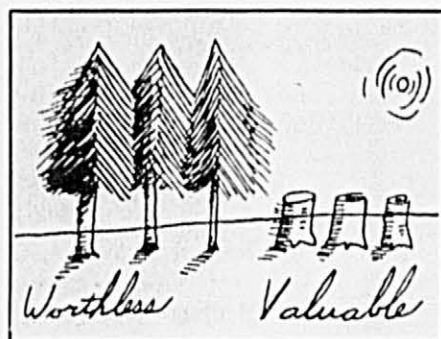
Bankrupting the Red Cross

THERE HAVE BEEN a lot of recent hirings. The university has been very generous to the economic department...

Generous! A better word is profligate. Look. In the early 1980s the university was faced with a department with lots of problems — most of which were a direct consequence of the infamous Deutsch affair. But instead of trying to deal with those problems, it decided to throw money at them and hope they would just go away.

So the staff expanded rapidly.

by Alex Roslin



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just out of grad school and then inventing something for them to do. And this at a time when the main library is virtually falling apart before our eyes.

Most of your criticisms seem directed against the undergrad programs. Are the grad ones in any better shape?

I believe last year the department managed to graduate one PhD, and he had been on the books for over a decade. But why should anyone come here now? The old attractions — the eclecticism, strong policy orientation, big development program — are all gone.

If someone wants to study mathematical theory or econometrics, why not go to U of T or Western, where they are done well, instead of wasting time at a place that can never hope to be more than a third-class imitator of current professional fads?

Academic totalitarianism
DIDN'T THESE ISSUES get addressed in McGill's recent cyclical review of the department?

Did you read the report of the cyclical review committee?

No. I was told that I wasn't allowed to see it.

Of course not. Perish the thought that a document pertaining to the functioning of a publicly funded institution should be subject to public scrutiny. Don't worry, though. You didn't miss anything. Like modern economics itself, the report reached sunny conclusions by carefully ignoring any contrary evidence.

Do you expect to be reprimanded for speaking out like this, the way professors Fenichel and Rowley were last term after publicly criticizing the department?

If not an open reprimand like they got, then possibly some more underhanded reprisal.



Do you see in the department a growing intolerance toward dissenting views?

There's certainly a growing atmosphere of academic totalitarianism. It shows up in things like the attacks on the legitimacy of the more eclectic and interdisciplinary fields, or in the increasing constraints on student choice. It shows itself in moves to brand some courses as unworthy of study by "real" economics students. And it

shows itself in ugly little incidents, like one last term when an advisor tried to blackmail a student into spying on my courses and then informing on what was going on.

There were a lot of instances of abuse of students in the department reported last term. Do you expect them to continue?

Abuse is of two sorts. It comes at a general level with the nature of the programs themselves. There's not a lot that can be done about that, at least for the foreseeable future. Though it is interesting to remember that the last great wave of reforms in the department in the late 1970s came from student pressure despite a lot of staff opposition.

Then there are the specific cases of abuse the *Daily* reported on. The mass of undergraduate students is at the bottom of the priority list in the modern university. And this provides an atmosphere where professors too often show not just contempt for them, but an actually abusive attitude. If students would only fight back, those could be stopped.

Do you really believe that? How can they fight back?

Forming effective and representative organizations and, especially, by participating in them; going beyond the department to the Deans; using the *Daily* to air grievances. The students have got to learn they've got rights, including the right to a decent education.

What would you like to see happen in economics?

McGill should freeze all new hiring until the department shows a firm commitment to its academic responsibilities, of which the first should be serving the main body of undergraduates with a socially relevant program. It could parachute someone into the chair with the academic credentials to oversee a wideranging and broadminded process of reform.

But that isn't going to happen. The most likely scenario is slow-motion disintegration. If it goes far enough there might be in a few years an opportunity to reconstruct — if there is anyone still around who cares.

Anyone still around? With all the new hiring?

Are you kidding? Four of the newer hires are looking for alternatives. Two senior people are also actively looking, with another saying that though he's not out chasing jobs he'd take the first decent offer. Yet another senior person is juggling posts at two different institutions. And on top there are at least three retirements pending. That's a minimum of 11 who could be gone soon.

Are you one of those 11?
Did I say 11? Better make that 12.

MCGILL TOO SNOTTY FOR ITS OWN GOOD

MCGILL'S FATE IS uncertain if it doesn't keep up with the dramatic changes in the surrounding community.

A declining anglo population and the possibility of Québec's independence are putting new pressures on McGill. But the university isn't adapting to the changing environment, said André Gagnon, a researcher for the undergrad student association at the Université de Québec à Montréal (UQAM).

"McGill has always been aloof from the realities of Québec," said Eugenio Bolongaro, vp-external of the post-graduate students' society.

The problem is so severe, Bolongaro believes, it may be fatal for McGill. The university, a 150-year bastion of Montréal's English elite, may cease to exist altogether within a decade, said Bolongaro.

And if McGill does survive, it is likely to become little more than a collection of research centres and professional training schools, operating in close collaboration with the private sector — a direction it is headed in already. The university may even merge with Concordia, said Bolongaro.

One possible way for McGill to save itself would be to transform the university into Québec's centre for international students. Several recent studies have argued that international students bring new perspectives and financial benefits to Québec.

But Bolongaro said McGill is probably too conservative to do this, because it would require creating more diversity in courses to interest students from different societies, and hiring a more diverse bunch of professors. McGill's reluctance to introduce courses in feminism and an Africana Studies Program shows it is unlikely to reform, even if the university's survival is at stake.

WASPS and snobs

BARBARA MACKEY, a vice-rector at Concordia University, said declining numbers of anglophone students in Montréal will cause a decline in provincial grants to anglo universities. "McGill will have to rely more heavily on industry for funding," she said.

Gagnon agreed. Anglophones currently make up less than 20 per cent of Montréal's population, and the numbers continue to de-

cline. Yet about 40 per cent of university spaces in Montréal are at English-speaking universities, said Gagnon, who is writing his graduate thesis on the decline of anglo institutions in Québec.

"Very soon it may be a problem to have two anglophone universities in Montréal," added Gagnon.

"The problem of McGill is that it was founded to serve the powerful Montréal English business class, which used to rule all of Canada."

But in today's Québec, "even federalists do not agree with the existing structure of Canada, because its aim is to assimilate Québec and to have the Québec nation disappear" Gagnon said.

"The age of the English elite is over. It's an anachronism. But McGill still sees itself as part of that national Canadian project."

McGill continues to be "a very WASP university", which only recently opened its doors to Québécois or Jewish students in any numbers, Gagnon said.

In fact, elitism is the first thing many people think of when it comes to McGill.

Fred Sweet, vice-president of the Montréal branch of the Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux, said people in the local community often characterize McGill as "a playground for WASPs and snobs." He said McGill's lack of commitment to the community is breeding massive resentment.

"How can people appreciate McGill when most of the people it graduates leave the province?" he asked.

Gagnon also warned that the community which supports McGill will soon get tired of getting very little in return. He predicted that one of the two anglo universities in the city will be forced very soon into becoming a bilingual institution.

As to the trend of corporate involvement at McGill, Gagnon said privatization is causing problems at the University of Montréal and UQAM as well.

Gagnon noted that UQAM started out in the 1970s as a liberal-arts university known for its leftist professors. Now, over a third of students go to UQAM for business administration, and as at McGill, the quality of the arts faculty is in serious decline.

But private sector involvement is more serious at McGill, Gagnon said. "After all, it's always been hooked up with big business."

— Alex Roslin

Concordia elections...

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have confidence in the process.

"Dowe put the new election in the hands of Price-Waterhouse (an international accounting firm) because this way doesn't work," asked Halsall. "We have to provide a system that works this year and the year after."

Dalton was happy with the decision. "It's St. Patty's day and I'm Irish," he said. He stressed the evidence of irregularities during the elections as the reason for the outcome. He said he planned on going to court over the irregularities if the assembly had approved the election.

Nero and Toone refused to comment. Nero said, via a CUSA employee, that the meeting was "a three-ring circus" and she "used a bunch of nasty words," according to the employee.

Before the election, Nero had said, "It's not the election they object to. It's our method of running student government." Current co-presidents Nero and Eleanor Brown campaigned last year with the slogan 'Feminism Works.'

Controversy also encircled the procedures during last month's election and Toone's questionable interference in the election process.

Voter tally sheets were lost during the night of the election

and ballots were shredded four days after the election, after the deadline for asking for a recount had passed.

Bhatti declared the election invalid after a third unofficial count. Candidate Phil Toone reportedly then told Bhatti to go back in the room and make another decision. A few minutes later, Bhatti came back out and declared Nero and Toone the winners.

Bhatti said at the meeting that Toone's comments had no effect on his decision, and that the original invalidation was "hasty and illegal," and that he hadn't been thinking clearly because it was 3h00.

Bhatti claimed that the first and second tallies came up with 218 for Nero and Toone. However, a reporter for the *Link* said that two ballot counters, Winnie King and David Baker, had gone on record as saying that Nero and Toone received 108 votes.

Jarno Makkonen, who chaired the General Meeting, said he feared violence would erupt.

"It looked as if punches were going to be thrown at one point. Usually these things last no more than a half an hour." Instead, the meeting lasted four hours.

At least five security guards were present throughout the meeting.

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EVENTS

Wednesday March 18

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McGill International Socialists are holding a meeting; "How the Russian revolution was lost?" Union Rm 425, Today 19h30. Contact 528-5586 for info.

NOTES FROM BELOW

Daily boycotts Frat ads

One of the most fundamental aspects of democracy at any newspaper is the ability to have some control over the ads which run on its pages.

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There are a few instances, however, in which we think it's important to forego revenue to show support for a particular cause. The boycott on companies investing in South Africa was an example of such support.

We also feel boycotts are an important way of drawing attention to problems which go unnoticed or unrecognized. Problems like frat parties.

At McGill alone frat party "incidents" have been chilling. Four years ago a woman was allegedly gang-raped at a frat rugby party by three Zeta Psi members, while ten other men (allegedly) looked on. The fraternity eventually made an out of court settlement with the woman and sold its frathouse.

Two years ago a woman was allegedly raped at a Phi Delta Theta beer bash. The alleged rapist was acquitted in court last March, largely on the basis of character witnesses.

All the evidence suggests many more women could tell similar stories about similar parties, if the courts weren't designed to protect the defendant and blame the victim.

The fraternities' defense has been that their parties are just good clean fun; a way for the brothers and their babes to get together and have a good time. And in many cases that's probably what happens.

But the persistence of rape and assault trials across the country, and the institutionalized sexism which exists in many fraternities, suggests that frat parties aren't quite as innocent as frat members say.

Frats themselves can make a better case against their activities than anyone else. We explained to the president of Zeta Psi, Bruce Harling, that our own experience suggested that frats were blatantly and aggressively sexist. For several months frat members threatened, verbally abused, harassed, and followed a *Daily* writer after she wrote a series of critical articles about fraternities.

The Zeta Psi president told us if he was around at that time, he would have followed her around and harassed her also.

Frats have made some visible efforts to improve their public image, and these efforts should be encouraged. But its obvious sexual assault at their parties is still a very real danger.

Until this danger is dealt with, the *Daily* refuses to run publicity for frat parties.

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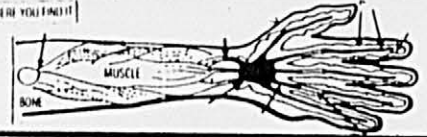
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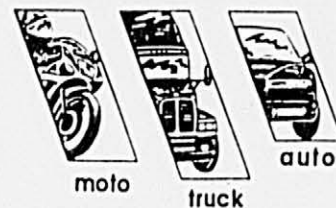
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Who is Gigi?

by Jean Bianchi

When I first met "Gigi", her real name was Germaine Cohen and she was cutting up a mountain of small cubes of wonderfully fresh vegetables with a very sharp Japanese knife. I realized then, that natural cooking for Gigi was a passion.

After having had a restaurant for several years in N.D.G., Gigi now has a "take-out" Deli counter at Optimum, the newly opened health food store situated at 630 Sherbrooke Street West. There, Gigi and her team prepare delicious ready-to-eat natural foods, ideal for a quick lunch or snack.

Gigi's philosophy in the preparation of healthy foods is that it should be simple, because food represents "life", and if you want to live well you should eat wonderfully prepared healthy foods in a warm, relaxed environment with good company.

Putting this philosophy into practice, Gigi has decided to collaborate with Le Centre 630 and open the doors to the public in what she has baptised as Café Gigi. Café Gigi will be open every Thursday evening from 6:30 onwards, so whether one is by themselves or in a group, coming from work or University, it's a "must visit" for Montrealers who want to have a delicious home cooked meal at a modest price. Café Gigi is located on the 2nd floor of the Institute for Holistic Studies at Le Centre 630, located at 630 Sherbrooke Street West. Each Thursday evening will feature a different menu. Special opening price for the month of March is two for \$15.00. Reservations are recommended. Call 849-9011.

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Local residents...

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stitute expanded into property that formerly been low-cost housing. The city eventually found the tenants other low-cost housing, but a higher rent levels.

Residents complain that construction during that phase was a continual nuisance, and that a small local park was ruined by the construction crews.

"This research institute has a very bad track record," said Dmitri Roussopolis, head of the Milton Park Citizen's coalition. "It has a group of administrators that have no sensitivity to the neighbourhood."

Locals also note this expansion may not be the last.

"This is phase two. We're worried that there might be a phase three," said Orr. "We're being encroached upon. This isn't an industrial park."

Residents charge that the city is not giving them any support in their dealings with the institute.

"The city's been very willing to do anything the Institute wanted to," said Orr.

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